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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES

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1. SURVEY PROPOSED IN REFTEL WOULD MORE WISELY BE SCHEDULED
AT A LATER TIME. THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST FIND
SWEDISH OFFICIALS ON VACATION AND STAFFS SHORT OF MANPOWER.

2. GAO SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT SWEDEN DOES NOT HAVE TRADE
ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS PER SE, SIMILAR TO THOSE UNDER THE US
TRADE ACT (REF B). SWEDEN HAS HAD EMPLOYMENT-CREATING AND
EMPLOYMENT-MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER
OF OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED, RESPONDING TO A KEY TENET OF SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC AND PRESENT NON-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTS. NO RE-
TRAINING OR REALLOCATION BENEFITS ARE, SO FAR AS WE KNOW,
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DIRECTLY RELATED TO TRADE EFFECTS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT LITTLE IF ANY RESEARCH IS AVAILABLE INTO THE
PROPORTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS, OR COSTS OF RETRAINING PRO-
GRAMS, WHICH IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO UNEMPLOYMENT CREATED
BY IMPORTS. PROGRAMS OF REGIONAL ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH
THEY MAY INDEED AFFECT AREAS WHICH HAVE SUFFERED FROM
COMPETITION FROM IMPORTS, ARE NOT TIED TO IMPORT EFFECTS,

AND LITTLE, IF ANY, DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SEPARATE
OUT IMPORT EFFECTS FROM CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

3. THE CURRENT POOR OUTLOOK FOR SWEDEN'S ECONOMY,
RELATIVELY SPEAKING, WILL PROBABLY INSTIGATE MORE EX-
PERIMENTATION. THE FALLDIN GOVERNMENT IS NOW
APPLYING EMPLOYMENT-MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS DESIGNED BY
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, BUT MAY HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING
ELSE. THAT IS, A LATER LOOK AT SWEDEN'S PROGRAMS
WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE PRODUCTIVE.

4. LASTLY, THE VALIDITY OF THE SWEDISH EXPERIENCE FOR
THE US IS SUBJECT TO QUESTION. THE SWEDES USUALLY DE-
BATE MAJOR QUESTIONS FOR A YEAR OR MORE BEFORE
ASSESSING WHETHER A NATIONAL CONSENSUS HAS EVOLVED.
MOREOVER, THE PARLIAMENT USUALLY ENDORSES GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM PROPOSALS WITH LITTLE CHANGE, CONTRARY TO US
PRACTICE.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST THAT FOREGOING BE DISCUSSED
WITH GAO BEFORE FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN.
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